UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: FILE (100-10461) DATE: 6/22/64

FROM: SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Re telephone call from Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY, 6/19/64.

It is noted that the interview with Mrs. WHITWORTH on 12/14/63 was conducted by SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN and SA JAMES KENNEDY. It is also noted that the President's Commission has referred to report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, 12/23/63, page 65, which sets forth an interview with Mrs. EDITH WHITWORTH, who runs a furniture store in Irving and who allegedly referred OSWALD to a gun shop sometime prior to the assassination. The Commission would like to know the basis for our going to Mrs. WHITWORTH. It was noted that the Bureau has a memorandum from Assistant Director C. D. DeLOACH to Assistant to the Director JOHN P. MOHR, dated 12/6/64 to the effect that Miss GEAN CAMPBELL of the London Evening Standard reported that she had been in Dallas for eight days covering the assassination, and that she had interviewed Mrs. WHITWORTH and that Mrs. WHITWORTH had allegedly claimed that she had recognized OSWALD's picture after it came out as a person she had referred to a gun shop.

A check of the indices fails to reveal the basis for this interview.

SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN and SA JAMES KENNEDY have advised me that this interview was conducted on Saturday, December 14, and to the best of their recollection, they had a lead to interview Mrs. WHITWORTH based upon information furnished by some reporter to the effect that sometime prior to the assassination, Mrs. WHITWORTH is alleged to have told this reporter that after pictures of OSWALD came out in the paper she recalled his having been in her furniture store and that she had referred him to a gun shop. They both advised me that they went to the wrong furniture store across the street at first and were referred over there. It would definitely appear therefore that this lead given to them was based upon a telephone call from the Bureau in regard to the contact by GEAN CAMPBELL.

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Information contained in the above paragraph was furnished to Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY on the morning of 6/22/64, and Mr. MALLEY stated that the Commission is going to request that GEAN CAMPBELL be located and interviewed.